



# Recycling Has Just Become Easier

***No more need to squint at those tiny little numbers!***

Starting immediately, Westchester residents, businesses, schools and institutions are finally able (***and required***) to recycle virtually every type of plastic container. Westchester County has changed its recycling law and will now accept all plastics numbered 1 through 7.

## How does the new law work?

Until now we have only been recycling #1 and #2 plastics. Under the new law, recycling will work exactly the same way, except that now ***all plastics with #1 through #7*** "chasing arrow" symbols on the bottom must be recycled. This means that all food, beverage, detergent, shampoo containers and bottles can be put in the recycling bin (containers should be rinsed clean before going in). Even bottle caps can now be recycled.



**There are, however, still some plastic items that cannot be recycled, as follows:**

- Plastic bags - return to stores such as CVS, Walgreens and Stop & Shop
- Plastic film from dry cleaning bags (return to dry cleaner) or packaging materials
- Vinyl (e.g., tiles, records, CDs)
- Non-coded plastics (e.g. toys, clothing hangers, utensils, furniture)
- Styrofoam - please try not to buy these items as this material is environmentally harmful
- Containers that held hazardous materials (e.g. motor oil, solvents, pesticides)
- Building materials (e.g., PVC piping, bathroom and kitchen fixtures)

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**Other requirements of the recycling law have not been changed.**

**The following items continue to be collected during weekly pick-up:**

- White and colored office paper (staples do not need to be removed)
- Newspaper (including glossy inserts)
- Cardboard (corrugated and grey)
- Junk mail
- Glass bottles and jars
- Metal food and beverage containers

**The following items can be recycled at any retailer that sells them (such as gas stations) or at the Mechanics Shop at the DPW facility on South Astor Street (please call the DPW at 591-6044 for hours):**

- Vehicular batteries (lead-acid)
- Used motor oil

**Bulk Recycling is picked up on Thursdays by appointment; call 591-6044 or e-mail [gnilsson@irvingtonny.gov](mailto:gnilsson@irvingtonny.gov) Leave your address and the items you are recycling.**

- Bulk Metal (i.e. appliances, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners) tires, textiles
- Electronic waste (i.e. computers, television) - If you can plug it in, we recycle it!

***Recycling saves Irvington taxpayers about \$60,000 a year  
(due to lower County garbage fees)!***

***\*\* Protect our natural resources while saving taxpayer dollars \*\****